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## MORE ARRESTS PROMISED IN "BRITISH RECRUITING PLOT"

### FRENCH HURLING GERMAN ATTACK AT VERDUN BACK

So Declare Paris Bulletins Today and Observers Think Tide Has Turned, With Allies Gaining

### BERLIN SAYS ADVANCES ARE BEING CONTINUED

Declares French Reserves Exhausted Themselves in Fruitless Efforts to Retake Fort Douaumont; Meuse is Cleared

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]  
PARIS, France, Feb. 28.—The great battle of Verdun is now entering into its second phase, in the judgment of military observers watching the war bulletins from the front.

Impetuous counter attacks, made by the French north of Verdun after the Germans had battered for days at the French positions, have thrown the Germans back from many positions they had captured in the first four days.

Premier Briand today advised representatives of the press that the tide has turned and the Allies are now taking the upper hand.

Fresh divisions of reinforcements are arriving on the scene.

The Germans, by a surprise attack, have succeeded in entering advanced trenches of the French at Navarin farm, Champagne. North of Verdun their bombardment is unceasing.

German attempts to capture the village of Douaumont have failed, and the situation at Fort Douaumont is unchanged though the fort is closely encircled.

In the Woëvre district the railroad station at Eix has changed hands repeatedly and finally is held by the French. German attacks at Hill 255 near Eix have failed. Attacks on the Manheulles positions have also failed.

Artillery duels are taking place along the entire front.

### BERLIN CLAIMS FURTHER GAINS

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 28.—Maintaining their attack, the Germans have captured positions on both sides of Navarin farm, Champagne, of 1600 and 1000 yards respectively. Nine machine guns have been captured.

The French reserves are exhausted by fruitless efforts to retake Fort Douaumont. The Germans have advanced their lines further toward Bras Vacherauville. Fresh gains have also been made in the Woëvre district. It is reported today that all the French soldiers have been driven from the Meuse peninsula.

### GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

The following cablegram from official German sources, received Sunday, tells of the situation on Saturday:  
"German Headquarters, Feb. 26.—East of Arrimontes a British attack on the night of February 25 was repulsed."

"The French attacked the position conquered by us on February 12, south of St. Mihiel. The French succeeded in entering the first trenches, 250 meters deep."

"The German troops east of the Meuse made considerable progress, in the emperor's presence. Southwest of the village of Louvemont the Germans conquered some heights and took fortified positions to the eastward. Brandenburg regiments pushed forward to the village and armored fortress of Douaumont, which were stormed."

"On the Woëvre plain the enemy's resistance broke down on the whole front from the district of Marcheville to south of the national road from Metz to Paris. Our troops are pressing hard on the retreating enemy."

"The conquest of the village of Champenille, reported yesterday, was mistaken."

A delayed cablegram dated February 24 also came yesterday, the news of which had previously been published in reports from Berlin, relating to preliminary fighting several miles from Verdun.

### DEAD OF MALOJA NUMBER 151, IS LATEST SUMMARY

Estimate of Saved is 250 and 55 Still Unaccounted For

### GERMANY AMPLIFIES SUBMARINE POLICY

In Note to United States, Says No Reason to Postpone Instructions to Commanders

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]  
LONDON, England, Feb. 28.—Those killed with the sinking of the Peninsular & Oriental liner Maloja yesterday off Dover probably will number 151.

It is known that 250 have been saved. The vessel, according to latest figures, carried 129 passengers and 55 people are still unaccounted for. Among those rescued was a baby, entirely unharmed.

### NEW NOTE FROM GERMANY

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—In a note which Ambassador von Bernstorff of Germany today presented to Secretary of State Lansing, Germany assures the United States that the imperial government has no intention of revoking any of the pledges given in the Lusitania case. The note says that Germany does not consider that there is any reason for changing or postponing the new instructions to submarine commanders. These new instructions are to treat as warships enemy merchantmen armed defensively, but the note also says that special precautions are imposed on the submarine commanders to prevent attack upon unarmed ships.

### GERMANY EXPLAINS STAND

In connection with the note from Germany mentioned above, official German cablegrams received last night and today give the German statement in fuller detail. It is as follows:  
"The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung reprints President Wilson's letter to Senator Stone as published by Reuters' office. The Norddeutsche then adds the following official statement:

"The principles stated in the German memorandum are by no means contrary to international law. For secret orders of the English navy published in memorandum expressly instruct armed English merchantmen not only to defend themselves but also to attack. Numerous incidents quoted in the memorandum give further proof that ships follow this instruction. Such ships, however, according to international law cease to be peaceful trading ships."

"On the other hand, the attitude adopted by our enemies appears as a gross breach of the law of nations. They commit acts of warfare with merchantmen for which only real men-of-war are qualified."

"If President Wilson's letter to Senator Stone says that announced measures against armed hostile merchantmen are contrary to the express assurances given by the German and Austro-Hungarian government to the United States, this is apparently caused by a misunderstanding. For these concessions are only in regard to peaceful passenger ships and not such ships whose armament is connected with aggressive purposes."

"This misunderstanding is apparently caused by the fact that the memorandum, together with its annexed notes, is not yet in the hands of the American government, and that President Wilson therefore could not yet have examined both."

### RUSSIAN VESSEL SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Russian steamer Petshanga has been sunk. It is announced that 15 were saved.

### ITALY PLANNED DURAZZO MOVES

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]  
ROME, Italy, Feb. 28.—According to press despatches, the Italian evacuation of Durazzo, Albania, was part of the regular campaign plan. Italy had no intent or object in defending this city, it is declared.

A small concrete building of the Equitable Powder company at East Alton, Ill., was wrecked by an explosion of unknown cause. No one was in the building at the time.

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### REPEAL OF FREE SUGAR PROGRESSES

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—The House ways and means committee, by a unanimous vote, today authorized a favorable report on the administration bill to repeal the free-sugar clause in the Simmons-Underwood tariff law. Under this clause "free sugar" would have become operative in May. The new bill definitely repeals the clause. On Thursday the bill will come before the house for a vote, with the favorable report of the committee.

### WATER-GATE FOR HARBOR IS PLAN OF DRYDOCK MAN

W. T. Donnelly Will Show Plans and Drawings for Great Waterfront Structure

### BIG CENTRAL TERMINAL IS BASIS OF OUTLINE

A water gate for Oahu, to which all liners will come alongside to discharge passengers, and where swimming events in future Carnivals may be held, is the big project which will be presented to Honolulu civic and commercial bodies this week by William T. Donnelly, famous engineer, as a civic ideal toward which this city may strive.

Donnelly has had plans and drawings of the big project made and will show them to the organization interested this week. A large drawing of the proposed water-gate has been made by Architect Bloodgood Tuttle of New York and is in Mr. Donnelly's possession, to be shown to the Outdoor Circle Friday afternoon, when the noted engineer, who built the inter-island floating drydock, and the 20,000-ton drydock at Prince Rupert, B. C., will outline his ideas of what Honolulu needs.

As conceived by Mr. Donnelly the water-gate is a structure which will do for Honolulu what the big union terminals of Chicago, New York and other cities have done toward making transportation better and safer there.

As designed by the architect, Mr. Tuttle, the water-gate calls for a structure 600 feet long and 150 wide, built in a manner commensurate with the city's future growth, stately, commodious and beautiful.

At the ocean end of the water-gate the location for which has not been decided, the plans call for steamers to dock alongside and discharge passengers. The plan is to have a gangway 20 feet wide or more, so that passengers could land in a small part of the time now required. No freight would be handled at the water-gate, but the boats would go to the present piers and wharves to take on and unload cargo.

The structure includes plans for a great swimming pool, partly enclosed, where aquatic events and swimming races could be held. There are landings provided for pleasure craft, spaces for bazaars, a band concert pavilion and auditorium, rooms for handling baggage and other facilities.

### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireles:

	Today.	Satur.
Alaska Gold	213 1/2	22 1/2
American Smelter	97 1/2	98 1/2
American Sugar Rfg	111 1/2	112 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	127 1/2	127 1/2
Anacosta Copper	85 1/2	87
Atchafson	102 1/2	103 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	102 1/2	104 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	85 1/2	86 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	45 1/2	46 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	27 1/2	29 1/2
Canadian Pacific	163 1/2	166 1/2
C. & M. St. P. (St. Paul)	93 1/2	94
Colo. Fuel & Iron	40 1/2	43
Crucible Steel	72 1/2	76 1/2
Erie Common	35 1/2	36
General Electric	116	109 1/2
General Motors	450	480
Great Northern Pfd.	120	120 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. J.	108 1/2	109 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	76 1/2	78 1/2
New York Central	103	104
Pennsylvania	56 1/2	57 1/2
Ray Consol.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Southern Pacific	88 1/2	89 1/2
Studebaker	138	141
Tennessee Copper	54	54
Union Pacific	133 1/2	133 1/2
U. S. Steel	116 1/2	117 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	83 1/2	83 1/2
Utah	87 1/2	88
Western Union	87 1/2	88
Westinghouse	63 1/2	64 1/2

\*Bid.

### Arrested Yesterday as Active Agent in "Plot"



Guy D. Randell, under arrest by the U. S. marshal's office and held a prisoner at the territorial jail, where the photo above was taken this morning by a Star-Bulletin staff photographer.

### Seligsen Declares Randell Worked As Solicitor For Him But Two Days

Cloak and Suit Man Denies His Firm in Any Way Connected With Alleged "Recruiting Pot"—Randell Took Firm's Card and May Have Used Them and Firm Name Without Authority

W. R. Seligsen, charged with being a co-conspirator of Randell's, told the Star-Bulletin vehemently this morning that he has known Randell but a few days, that Randell worked for him only as a solicitor for two days, and that he has had nothing to do with securing the discharge of any soldier.

Between nervous gulps—he was plainly laboring under severe strain—he denied any knowledge whatever of the matters with which he is charged.

Seligsen, after his arrest yesterday, was placed in the territorial prison as a federal prisoner and held until about 2 o'clock this morning. Then, according to the marshal's office, he was released on \$1000 bail, furnished by the well-known Chinese professional bondsman, Yee Yap. Seligsen told the Star-Bulletin this morning that he did not know Yee Yap and that was soon confirmed.

After being at liberty on the \$1000 bond until about 9 this morning, Seligsen's bail was raised to \$3500 and he was taken into custody by the marshal's office again. Later the bail demanded was reduced to \$2500.

Seligsen says that the \$1000 bail last night was secured through Attorney George Davis, who came to see him in prison. Shortly before noon today, while Seligsen was sitting in the U. S. marshal's office—held in the absence of the higher bail—Attorney Davis appeared with Yee Yap, whom he introduced to Seligsen.

"Seligsen, this is Yee Yap, who got that bail for you last night," he said, and suggested that the two talk over the matter of Yee Yap's furnishing the higher bail. Seligsen and the Chinese then went into earnest conference.

Prior to that time Seligsen had briefly given his side of the matter to the Star-Bulletin, declaring his innocence at every other sentence.

When he first started talking Seligsen's accent appeared to be English, but when asked where he was born he said that he was born in Germany and had never been in England, and his accent then appeared to be German.

"I never saw Randell until about three weeks ago," said Seligsen. "He came to me as a solicitor and worked for me only two days. That was last week—no, the week before that—I am

### U. S. MARSHAL READY TO SERVE MORE WARRANTS; TWO MEN NOW IN DRAGNET DENY CONSPIRACY

Guy D. Randell and W. R. Seligsen Declare They Know Nothing About Recruiting Scheme to Get Soldiers From U. S. Army to Join Allies—Arrests Yesterday Result of Marshal's Information Clinched Saturday Night—Federal Authorities Hint at Prominent Local Persons Involved

Warrants are ready this afternoon to serve on from three to five persons in Honolulu, charging complicity in what is alleged to be a widespread plot to recruit enlisted men and non-commissioned officers from the army of the United States on Oahu and send them to Canada and Australia to help train troops which are destined for the battle fronts of Europe.

Two corporals of the 4th Cavalry from Schofield Barracks, who are held as witnesses in the case, declare that they were approached and offered financial assistance which would enable them to purchase their discharges from the army so that they might enlist with the Allies.

Corroborating their testimony, there are said to be in U. S. Marshal J. J. Smiddy's possession letters promising the two corporals positions, as well as an uncashed check for \$140. The signature to the check will not be divulged until additional arrests have been made.

As the result of information given first to the marshal's office and later to army officials, Guy D. Randell, formerly a resident of New Zealand; W. R. Seligsen alias Stein, proprietor of the New York Dress Company, and R. B. Jefferson, formerly a private in the army, were arrested by Marshal J. J. Smiddy yesterday on warrants sworn to by District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan. The complaints charge them with having conspired to recruit men in Honolulu to join the forces of the Allies.

The arrests made yesterday were the result of information clinched late Saturday night. It was stated at the marshal's office today, on Saturday night, that the office, after watching Randell and Seligsen for hours, it is stated, believed that they had the definite information to warrant making the arrests.

### CAPITAL STOCK OF I. I. RAISED TO \$3,000,000

Corporation Cuts Big Melon in Form of Stock Dividend; Officers Re-elected

As predicted by the Star-Bulletin several weeks ago, stockholders of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., at their annual meeting this morning, voted to increase the capital stock of the corporation from \$2,250,000 to \$3,000,000.

The new issue of \$750,000 stock will go to existing shareholders as a stock dividend, and will thereby reduce the company's surplus, which had reached the unwieldy sum of something in excess of \$1,500,000.

All the directors were reelected with the exception of Cecil Brown, who is unable to serve on account of ill health. J. W. Waldron was elected a director in his place. More than 18,000 shares were represented at today's meeting.

The directors met a few minutes after the stockholders' meeting had adjourned, and reelected the old officers for the ensuing year. They are James A. Kennedy, president; James L. McLean, vice-president; Norman E. Gudge, secretary and treasurer. The Audit Company of Hawaii was named as auditor for the corporation.

### FORTY MORE NAMES NEEDED FOR 1001 OF WOMEN OF NAVY LEAGUE

Women of Hawaii—forty more names are needed to make up the 1001 that the Hawaii chapter of the Woman's Section of the Navy League has promised to secure before March 1.

One day is left in February—this being Leap Year—and Mrs. J. Morton Riggs, chairman of the membership committee, makes an earnest appeal that these last 40 be forwarded to her today and tomorrow, so that tomorrow night in the Hawaii chapter can cable to Washington that its 1001 are secured.

### DELEGATE ARRIVES TOMORROW

Delegate Kubio will arrive on the Matsonia tomorrow. It was learned today. It has not been definitely known that he was on the steamer.

The reciprocity agreement between the United States and Brazil has been extended by the Brazilian government to include the year 1916.

[Associated Press by Federal Wireles]  
Clay modeling as a cure for insanity has succeeded golf at the State Hospital for the insane at Elgin, Ill., as golf is impossible in winter.

The greater part of the work in bringing the so-called recruiting "plot" to a head has been done by local army officers, according to the two corporals. Marshal J. J. Smiddy says that he had been watching the activities of the men who were arrested for the last several nights.

In the story told by them today, the corporals said they had a meeting with Jefferson and Randell at Schofield Barracks, at which time they were told that, if they wanted to, they could buy out of the American army and join the Canadian service. Jefferson and Randell told them, they say, that they would be assisted in purchasing their discharges, and that they could leave for Canada in the Niagara on March 3.

This interview took place a few days prior to February 20. One of the corporals was first approached, and later the second one was taken into the confidence of Randell and Jefferson.

Would Buy Discharge.  
"These men told us they would pay for the trip to the coast and buy our discharges out of the army," says one of the corporals. "We both told them that we would go, but we never intended to. We were curious to see if they could really put the deal through, and when we found that it looked serious we informed the authorities."

"Randell told us that the British Association of Honolulu was not back of the project."

The corporal went on to say that, after they informed the authorities, they continued to negotiate with Randell and Jefferson, pretending that they were in earnest. One letter was presented, he said, stating that the New York Dress Company would employ one of the men as a drummer, and also a check for \$140, representing the amount necessary to purchase the discharge.

Going on Several Months.

This same corporal stated that he understood that the business of trying to recruit men for the British army has been going on here for several months, although he has no evidence to that effect. Several men, he adds, have been approached and have refused to consider the project. The corporal said he did not know whether the men engaged in the alleged recruiting are the same ones who were arrested.

"As I understand it," the corporal said, "this work was done by persons who have since left the city. When I was approached I was given to understand that there was a third party in the deal, some 'higher-up' who pushed the letter through. This third party was to cash the check. But we didn't get to see him. Randell and Jefferson thought that the other corporal and myself were British subjects, they said."

"We were told that there were higher-ups who would help push the deal through so that we could get away in the Niagara on March 3. The people back of it must be pretty big to get a thing like that across."

Money to Send More.  
"I understand that 40 or 50 men have been sent away from here already, and that there is money enough to send that many more. I don't think these fellows are particular about getting enlisted men, although I suspect